Further, 2 more factories in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 121.93 lakhs as loan assistance so far during 1987-88 for sugarcane development.

In addition, an amount of Rs. 7170.57 lakhs has been disbursed out of Sugar Development Fund as subsidy to the sugar factories who were advised to maintain a buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar.

(c) Applications from 28 sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh were received for loan assistance for sugarcane development. Out of these, the applications from 10 factories are pending.

(d) The proposal for loan assistance and claims for subsidy for maintenance of buffer stocks will be finalised as soon as complete information in all respects as required under the guidelines issued, are received.

Rising Rents in Delhi

2209. SHRI KALP NATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rents for houses and flats in Delhi have been shooting-up during the last three years;

(b) whether correspondingly the price index for housing has also increased; and

(c) if so, whether the matter has been studied and if so, what steps are being taken to check the rise in house rents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Representations are received in the matter from time to time.

(c) The matter has been studied by Economic Administration Reforms Commission and National Commission on Urbanisation. and this Ministry is proposing to amend Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 with a view to strike a balance between the interest of landlords and tenants.

Functioning of NDDB and other Non-Government Agencies

2210. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: :

(a) whether Government have got reports about the functioning of the National Dairy Development Board, or other non-governmental agencies importing oil or oilseeds through co-operatives;

(b) if so, what are the major details of these reports;

(c) what is the quantum of foreign aid in the form of oil and its monetary value and which are the countries giving aid and for what purpose in the last three years; and

(d) the manner in which the above aid is being used and for what purpose and the body which is administering the entire project and what is their accountability to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB)

Project for 'Restructuring Edible Oil and Oilseeds Production and Marketing'. NDDB have received 156,965 MT of crude rapeseed oil from Canada, 147 780 MT of refined soyabean oil from USA and generated Rs. 154.04 crores and Rs. 134.85 crores respectively. The funds generated are being utilised to finance various components of the project. The project is administered by NDDB and implemented in important oilseeds growing States of the country by State level Cooperative Oilseeds Growers Federations. The Project is periodically reviewed by Government.

Proposal for Import of Oilseed and Maize through NDDB and NAFED

2211. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had recently given clearance to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) for import of oilseed and maize; and

(b) if so, how much quantity is likely to be imported and what are the reasons for such import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is proposed that 0.5 million tonne of oilseeds be imported on aid basis only and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) would be the canalising agency. It is also proposed that maize be imported upto 10 lakh tonne through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), under counter trade arrangements. aid etc. These imports are proposed keeping in view the shortfall on production on account of the drought situation, poultry feed requirements for maize etc.

Facilities given to Journalists

2212. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities for housing and transport presently made available to accredited Journalists in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering some fresh welfare measures including house building advance for the journalists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) At present 109 accredited journalists in Delhi have been provided with Government accommodation. However, in view of the acceptance of the recommendations of the Second Press Commission. it has been decided not to make any fresh allotments to the journalists and to transfer all future vacancies that may arise in the Press Pool to the General Pool. The Press Pool will be gradually phased out. As regards transport facilities to journalists concessional rail travel and concessional bus facilities in the DTC buses are available to the accredited journalists.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Revision of SC/ST List

2213. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government propose to bring forward a bill to amend the list of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in the current session of Parliament, if not, what are the reasons therefor?